5. (Canceled).

6. (Previously amended) The wash bucket screen of claim 4 wherein the platform skirt flexes resiliently to accommodate a narrowing bucket wall with the flange extending to a bucket wall.

7. (Previously amended) The wash bucket screen of claim 6 wherein the skirt has vertical slits opening to a skirt distal end allowing skirt portions between slits to bend resiliently as the flange rides on the bucket wall.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Canceled).

10. (Currently amended) <u>A wash bucket screen for use in a water bucket having a bottom and a wall</u>, comprising:
<u>a platform with a plurality of holes therethrough arrayed throughout the platform generally,</u>
<u>a skirt depending vertically from a platform perimeter at a skirt proximal end supporting</u>
<u>the platform above a skirt distal end adapted to rest on a bucket bottom,</u>
~~The wash bucket screen of claim 8~~
wherein the platform includes channels in the skirt ~~and~~ opening at the platform perimeter at the <u>lower</u> perimeter ~~portions~~ channeling debris from the platform to the bucket bottom outside the skirt.

11. (Canceled).

12. (Canceled).

13. (Original). The wash bucket screen of claim 1 wherein the platform further comprises a plurality of ridges.

14. (Original). The wash bucket screen of claim 12 *Canceled!* wherein the ridges are disposed radially on the platform from a center to a platform perimeter

15. (Currently amended) A wash bucket screen for use in a water bucket having a bottom and walls or a single cylindrical or frustum wall, comprising:

a planar platform slanting from a high perimeter portion to a lower perimeter lower portion,

a skirt depending vertically from a platform perimeter at a skirt proximal end, adapted to support the platform above a skirt distal end, the platform having a plurality of holes therethrough arrayed throughout the platform generally allowing water to pass through wherein the skirt flexes resiliently to accommodate a narrowing bucket wall providing an effective splash shield between the screen and the bucket wall, the skirt having vertical slits opening to the skirt distal ends allowing skirt portions between slits to

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